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SUBJECT: BLUMENTAHL VISIT

1. FOLLOWING ARE OUR PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ABOUT SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S FORTHCOMING BERLIN VISIT, REFLECTING CONVERSATIONS WITH GOVERNING MAYOR STOBBE AND OTHERS HERE ABOUT BEST WAY IN WHICH TO UTILIZE TIME. IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR'S LIKELY INVOLVEMENT, AND FACT BERLIN VISIT MUST BE FITTED INTO OVERALL GERMAN TRIP, SUGGEST EMBASSY AND MISSION WORK TOGETHER ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE PUT TO DEPARTMENT AND SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL.

2. OUR PLANNING ASSUMPTION IS THAT SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR WILL BE COMING TO BERLIN FROM BONN VIA MILITARY AIRCRAFT, ARRIVING MID-MORNING NOVEMBER 3 AND DEPARTING SOME TIME MORNING OF NOVEMBER 4.

3. ON THAT ASSUMPTION, AND WITHOUT TRYING AT THIS STAGE TO PIN DOWN EXACT TIMES, WE WOULD LIKE SEE ARRIVAL DAY GO SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

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AFTER ARRIVAL AT TEMPELHOF DRIVE TO U.S. HEADQUARTERS FOR BRIEF HONOR GUARD CEREMONY IN FRONT OF BUILDING, PERHAPS ALSO FEW REMARKS BY SECRETARY TO AMERICAN SPECTATORS AT CEREMONY.
SIGHTSEEING DRIVE AROUND WEST BERLIN, COVERING OBVIOUS POINTS OF INTEREST, AS WELL AS ANY PLACES IN WHICH SECRETARY MIGHT HAVE PARTICULAR INTEREST BECAUSE OF HIS

BERLIN BACKGROUND.

STOP AT RATHAUS FOR HALF-HOUR TALK WITH GOVERNING MAYOR.

LUNCH. AMBASSADOR MIGHT WISH DO THIS.

AFTERNOON MEETING PERHAPS IN IHK, WITH SELECTED GERMAN
AND AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, INDUSTRIALISTS, BANKERS, ETC.

TO TALK ABOUT ECONOMIC-BUSINESS SITUATION, AND IN-
VESTMENT POSSIBILITIES AND PROBLEMS IN CITY (SENAT
IS PREPARING PAPER SETTING OUT TAX AND OTHER PROBLEMS
AS THEY SEE THEM TO BE SENT SECRETARY FOR BACKGROUND
BEFORE HE GETS HERE).

TIME FOR ADDITIONAL SIGHTSEEING OR OTHER PERSONNAL
ACTIVITY AS SECRETARY MIGHT WISH. DEPENDING ON WEATHER
AND TIME AVAILABILITY, PERHAPS HELICOPTER TRIP, WHICH
IS BEST WAY SEE CITY AS WHOLE.

LATE AFTERNOON, ADDRESS UNDER IHK AUSPICES (THIS IS AS
PROPOSED IN ELFE 25 AUGUST LETTER TO AMBASSADOR). THIS
WOULD BE SECRETARY'S MAJOR PUBLIC APPEARANCE AND WE
BELIEVE WE COULD COUNT ON AUDIENCE OF 5-600.
IN EVENING, GOLDEN BOOK CEREMONY AND DINNER AT SCHLOSS
CHARLOTTENBURG, HOSTED BY GOVERNING MAYOR.

4. NO SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 4, BUT IF
SECRETARY HAS TIME AND ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS HE WOULD
LIKE PURSUE HERE, MORNING OF NOVEMBER 4 WOULD BE GOOD
TIME. THERE WILL BE REQUESTS FOR INTERVIEWS FROM RIAS,
NEWSPAPERS, AFN, ETC., AND IF SECRETARY WISHES GIVE ANY,
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MIGHT BE EASIER WORK IN ON 4TH THAN ON 3RD.

5. POSSIBILITY HAS BEEN MENTIONED TO US OF VISIT TO
EAST BERLIN. I AM CERTAIN THIS WOULD BE VERY BADLY
RECEIVED BY WEST BERLINERS AND RECOMMEND STRONGLY AGAINST
IT.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS. GEORGE

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